(d) The estimated additional revenue earnings on account of increase in prices of petroleum products are given as under:-

Price increase on	Annual Impact in crores
8-6-80	1000
13-1-81	715
11-7-81	713
15-2-83/18-3-83	376
1-9-83	29
17-3-85	999
26-3-85	(176) (loss in revenue)
1-2-86	530
6-2-86	

बासोदा नगर में खाना पकाने की गैस की एजेन्सियां

1365. श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल : क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश के "बासोदा नगर" हेतु खाना पकाने की गैस की एजेंसी देने के लिए 1984 में कोई विज्ञापन प्रकाशित किया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस गैस एजेंसी हेतु कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुए थे तथा इन आवेदनों पर क्या निर्णय लिया गया; और

(ग) "बासोदा" में गैस एजेंसी के कब तक कार्य शुरू कर देने की संभावना है ;

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चन्द्र शेखर सिंह) (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) 36 आवेदन प्राप्त हुए थे इनमें से 29 ने 6-11-85 को साक्षात्कार में भाग लिया । तेल चयन बोर्ड ने अपनी सिफारिशों को अभी तक अन्तिम रूप नहीं दिया है ।

(ग) एल.पी.जी. विक्रेता को चालू करने से पूर्व विभिन्न प्रकार की कार्यवाहियां करनी होती हैं । इस तथ्य को देखते हुए इनको चालू करने में कितना समय लगेगा, बताना सम्भव प्रतीत नहीं होता है ।

Apparel export promotion council

1366. SHRI GULAM MOHI-UD-DIN SHAWL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Registrar of Companies, Delhi has added the words "limited" in terms of the Section 25(7) of the Companies Act 1956, to the Apparel Export Promotion Council New Delhi and

(b) if so, the date of the amendment or addition at the end of the name upon the register of the body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No. Sir, The mater is *sub-judice*.

(b) Does not arise.

Reduction of duty on solar crystal imports

1367. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's notification abolishing duty on imports of crystal and waters for solar photovoltaic crystals and reduction of duty on solar crystal imports have adversely affected indigenous and pioneering ventures for the manufacture of silicon monocrystals and wafers;

(b) if not, what is the present condition of the indigenous silicon industry after issue of the said notification; and

(c) whether Government propose to review its earlier decision?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Government have received representations from indigenous manufacturers of silicon ingots and wafers claiming that the said notification of abolishing duty on imports of such wafers and ingots used for solar cell production has led to under-utilisation of their capacity and consequential financial difficulty.

(c) Keeping in view the need to bring down the cost of solar photovoltaic system, Government does not consider it appropriate to reintroduce at this stage customs duty on silicon ingots and wafers used for solar cell production. However, Government is prepared to consider providing all possible help and assistance to enable indigenous manufacturers to better untilise their capacity. A meeting of silicon manufacturers and photovoltaic industry representatives was recently convened by the Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources where the problems of indigenous manufacturers were discussed and various short-term and long-term measures to help the industry are being evolved in consultation with the manufacturers and other concerned departments.

Sophisticated oil drilling equipment

1368. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sought financial assistance from Canada for the purchase of sophisticated oil drilling equipments for the Oil and Natural Gas Commission; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) and (b) A protocol was signed on 18th December, 1985 with Canada relating to Canadian assistance for purchase from Canada of goods and services related to Oil and Gas exploration and development. For this purpose, Canada has agreed to provide a total amount of C 198 million. Of this CS 75 million would be provided by Canadian International Development Agency and CS 123 million by Export Development Corporation. The requirements of ONGC and other end users for the import of capital goods and services are also expected to be funded out of this assistance.

भोपाल गैस कांड की जांच करने वाले दलों के निष्कर्षों में विरोधाभास

1369. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** क्या उद्योग मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भोपाल गैस काण्ड में अन्तर्ग्रस्त कुछ मौलिक मुद्दों पर डा० वरदराजन कमेटी और केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो के वैज्ञानिक विशेषज्ञों के जांच करने वाले दलों के निष्कर्षों में विरोधाभास है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

रसायन और पेट्रो-रसायन विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० के० जयचन्द्र सिंह) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Suggestions by former Chief Election Commissioner on Electoral Reforms

1370. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the former Chief Election Commissioner Shri R. K. Trivedi at a conference of electoral officers held on December 28, 1985, had suggested a number of steps for electoral reforms and for reducing the cost of elections;

(b) if so, what were the major electoral reforms suggested and other suggestions and observations made at the conference; and